

OLF Socioeconomic Impacts

Economic Impact

- Operation of the OLF would result in the establishment of approximately 52 full and part-time jobs,
- The estimated annual payroll for those jobs would be approximately \$2.8 million.
- Construction would also result in the creation of 506 to 631 jobs and a total regional impact of approximately \$100.0 million.

Construction

- Current proposed direct costs to the Navy for construction of the airfield and installation of the facilities (e.g., control tower, aircraft refueling system, navigational aid, utilities) would be approximately \$80.0 million.
- Construction would be carried out over a 24-month period, and would require engineering and architectural services along with construction, excavating, paving services; and utility services.

Operations

- The OLF could require operating around the clock for extended periods of time, but all expectations are that it would not be utilized every day and except in extreme circumstances would not be used 24 hours 7 days a week.
- Normally it is used Sunday night through Friday afternoon.
- There will be approximately 13,600 landings at the field per year. (Fentress currently completes 35, 000 - 45,000 landings per year).
- Approximately 70% of carrier landing qualification training occurs after sunset, but an additional OLF will allow the Navy to complete operations earlier in the evening.
- The Navy notes it is better and safer operationally to complete training as early in the evening as possible. The Navy aims to complete any night operations before 10:00 PM. but if required, the Navy will fly 24/7.